SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5246** TRICKY **B5246**

9								
	2	4	9	7	5			6
			3		6			
1	8							
					1		8	
3			8	2	9		4	
4			1		3		9	2
7	6	1					5	
			7					8

						5		
5		4	8				1	
1				7		4		3
	6	5			4			1
9								7
	8		3		1			2
		1			2			5
					6			
	9	2						

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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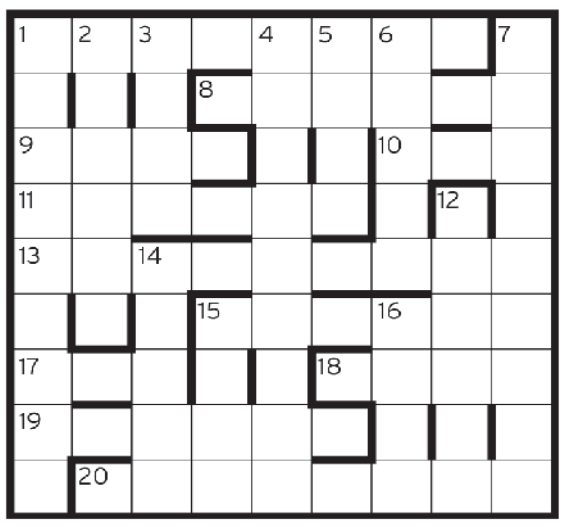
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

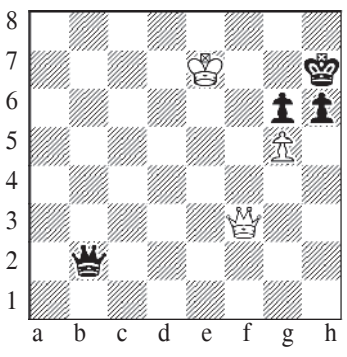
1 Similarity (8)
8 French woman's title (6)
9 _ Redding, soul singer (4)
10 Public transport vehicle (3)
11 Young cat (6)
13 Correction (9)
15 Capital of Turkey (6)
17 Father _, sitcom (3)
18 Nautical unit of speed (4)
19 Nevertheless (4,2)
20 Intrude on private land (8)



DOWN

1 Take care of (4,5)
2 Eventually (2,4)
3 Join closely (4)
4 Sands knee (anag.) (9)
5 Anthony _, former PM (4)
6 Heavy sword (5)
7 Pauses (9)
12 Becomes a member (6)
14 Shrub with white flowers and black berries (5)
15 Skin complaint (4)
16 _ Paquin, actress (4)

CHESS



WHITE TO PLAY

HINT: GET A NEW QUEEN.

Solution:
1. Qf7ch! Kh8 2. Qf6ch! Qxf6 3. gxf6! (the fpawn is unstoppable)

TARGET

U	A	F
E	L	C
F	E	N

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 14;

Very good 21;

Excellent 27 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

ENDOMORPH

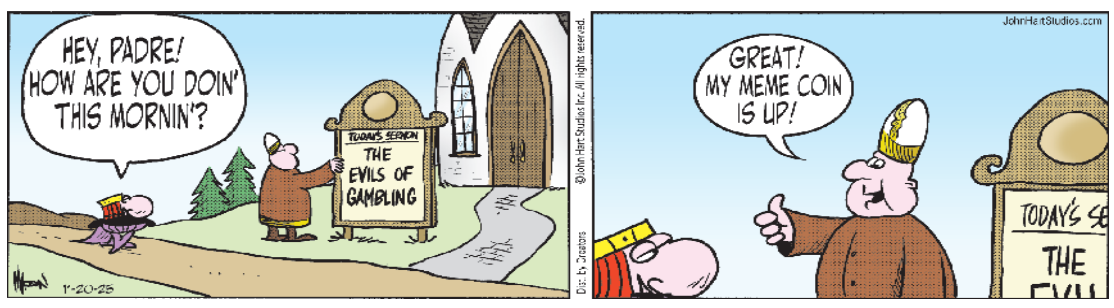
dehorn doer donor door dorm dorp drone droop drop ENDOMORPH herd hero heron homer horde hormone horn horned modern mooner moor moored moorhen moper more morendo morn moron nerd norm perm ponder poor pore pored prod proem prom promo prone redo rend repo rode rodeo roed romp romped rondo rone rood room roomed rope roped

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

NATE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I WAS SELLING GIFT BASKETS, UNTIL THIS LADY'S CAT STARTED CLAWING MY FACE OFF!
PRISSY WAS JUST PLAYING! AND I HAD HER DECLAWED YEARS AGO!
SO THE TAKEAWAY IS, YOU STILL HAVE YOUR FACE.
BUMMER.
visit bignate.com

THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES

THERE'S A PENALTY ON THE PLAY.
IF I WAS A REFEREE, I WOULDN'T THROW SOME DINKY YELLOW FLAG.
I'D PROBABLY SHOOT A FLARE, DROP A SMOKE BOMB, OR AT LEAST LIGHT A FIRECRACKER!
YEAH. WHAT ARE SPORTS WITHOUT EXPLOSIVES?
THEY MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:37pm	05:05pm	05:44pm	05:03pm	05:10pm	05:39pm
Sunrise	06:46am	06:41am	06:51am	06:33am	06:49am	06:57am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	12	27	Sunny	63	12	26	Sunny		11	26	Sunny
Hyderabad	13	31	Sunny	38	14	31	Sunny		14	30	Sunny
Islamabad	11	24	Sunny	50	10	24	Sunny		9	23	Sunny
Lahore	13	27	Sunny	58	12	26	Sunny		11	25	Sunny
Multan	12	27	Sunny	63	12	26	Sunny		12	27	Sunny
Peshawar	10	24	Sunny	67	9	24	Sunny		9	23	Sunny
Quetta	2	18	Sunny	32	1	17	Sunny		1	16	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
JUBILANT

(JUBILANT: JOO-bih-lent: Feeling or expressing great joy.)

Average mark 19 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 17 or more words in JUBILANT?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — ORNATE

oaten	antre
orate	atone
rant	tare
rate	tarn
rent	taro
roan	tear
rote	tenor
near	tern
neat	tone
note	toner
noter	tore
aeon	torn
aero	earn
ante	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

2 Flippant
9 Uranus
10 Twin
11 Feel
13 Grace
14 Godfather
16 Rabat
19 Anon
20 Text
21 Bronze
22 Handyman.

DOWN

1 Autograph
3 Laird
4 Inns
5 Purgatory
6 Area
7 Nieces
8 Tolerated
12 Joanna
15 Hyena
17 Bonn
18 Atom.

METRO EVENTS

PLAY

Salaryman Macbeth, a comedy theatre play from Japan, is staged as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 8pm.

WALK

A special Children's Day Walk is held at Aga Khan University Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Centre, Stadium Road, at 4pm.

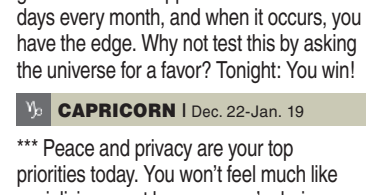
SESSION

A drug awareness session by Anti-Narcotics Force is organised at Dr Kamal Auditorium, Greenwich University, at 11:30am.

EXHIBITIONS

Peace & Pieces Volume 4, an international art exhibition, is held as part of the World Culture Festival, at Ahmed Parvez Art Gallery, Arts Council, at 5pm.

A group show of works by multiple artists opens at ArtCiti Gallery at 6pm. The show titled *Unfolding Identities* will continue till Nov 25.



HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** Today you feel a strong urge to get away from your daily routine. If possible, take a short trip or go somewhere different. Give yourself a chance to experience new scenery, new interactions and meet new faces. Discover new places and new ideas. Sign up for a course. Tonight: Explore!

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

*** Your emotional experiences will be more intense today as you deal with different situations. In a similar way, you might attract someone to you who is intense and powerful. You might have strong feelings about shared property or being surrounded by familiar things that hold memories from the past. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Conflict with others will be more emotional today because the Moon is opposite your sign. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Nevertheless, loved ones and partners will feel more important to you than usual. You might even seek security and support from them. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** Today you might be involved in the care of someone else. Or you might have to put the interests of someone else before your own. (You're not being a martyr; this is simply what's happening.) You can do this; you are the most nurturing sign in the zodiac. Tonight: Get organized.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** It's a playful day! For some reason, it will be difficult to conceal your feelings from others. Don't even try. Romance will feel stronger, and relations with a lover will be more intense. You also might feel protective and nurturing, especially toward children. Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** Home, family and your private life are your priority today. You might even feel possessive about something or someone. A conversation with a female family member could be important. Meanwhile, this is a great day to enjoy privacy among familiar surroundings. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** You are affected by your immediate surroundings. You are also a keen communicator. Today in particular, you want to discuss something that is real, something that has importance and meaning for you. You don't want to waste time on superficial chitchat. Tonight: Involved conversations.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** In a curious way, you identify with your possessions more than usual today, which is why you might have a strong attachment to something. Or perhaps your attachment is to your values and ideas. If this is the case, you might have to defend yourself where you really have nothing at stake. Tonight: Check your belongings.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual. However, it will also slightly improve your good luck. This happens for two and a half days every month, and when it occurs, you have the edge. Why not test this by asking the universe for a favor? Tonight: You win!

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** Peace and privacy are your top priorities today. You won't feel much like socializing -- not because you're being antisocial, but because you need to "get away from all this." New mystical or spiritual disciplines might intrigue you. Tonight: Enjoy solitude

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** Friendships are important today. You might feel more protective and supportive than usual to someone, because you value the relationship. This is a good day to share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone to get their feedback. Why not try it? Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

*** Today aspects of your personal life are on display, which means people know private details about you. (Time for some damage control?) This is a good day to think of professional and business concerns, as well as the impression you create on others. Tonight: You're noticed.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

A problem of logistics

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K
♥ 10 9 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ J 9 7 6 3

WEST
♠ J 6
♥ Q 8 6 4
♦ K Q 10 5
♣ 10 8 5

EAST
♠ 9 4
♥ K 7 3
♦ A J 8 7 2
♣ A Q 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 8 7 5 3 2
♥ A J 5
♦ 3
♣ K 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♠
3 ♦	4 ♠		

Opening lead -- king of diamonds.

Finding the solution to an entry problem is often the critical factor in the play of a hand.

Consider this case where the defense starts off with two rounds of diamonds. South ruffs and would like to take two heart finesses, as well as lead a club toward his king. But since he has only two entries to dummy to attempt these three plays, South has a logistical problem to solve.

The best way to proceed is to lead a trump to the king at trick three and return a low heart, finessing the jack after East follows low.

West wins with the queen and can do no better than return a diamond. South ruffs, crosses to dummy with a trump and leads the ten of hearts, finessing again after East plays low.

This is declarer's second lead from dummy, and when the finesse succeeds, he discontinues hearts and leads a club to the king. Since East, as expected, has the ace, South accomplishes his mission, losing only a heart, a diamond and a club.

Note that if East covers the ten of hearts with the king on the second round of the suit, South can then return to dummy's nine to make the critical club lead toward the king.

Note also that if South starts playing the hearts by leading the ten from dummy, instead of the deuce, he later runs into a dead end. The next time he gets to dummy with a trump, he can lead a heart or club -- but he can't do both, and as a result, he will finish down one.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5245

2	3	6	1	5	9	4	8	7
4	8	9	7	6	3	1	2	5
7	5	1	2	4	8	9	6	3
5	6	2	9	3	7	8	4	1
9	7	4	8	1	5	6	3	2
3	1	8	4	2	6	5	7	9
1	9	3	6	7	4	2	5	8
6	2	7	5	8	1	3	9	4
8	4	5	3	9	2	7	1	6

Tricky — B5245

9	8	4	3	1	5	7	2	6
2	3	6	7	8	9	5	4	1
7	5	1	2	6	4	3	8	9
3	9	2	1	5	6	4	7	8
6	7	8	4	3	2	1	9	5
4	1	5	8	9	7	6	3	2
5	2	9	6	7	3	8	1	4
1	4	7	5	2	8	9	6	3
8	6	3	9	4	1	2	5	7